

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the Quayle Action's indication that claims 1-28 contain allowable subject matter.

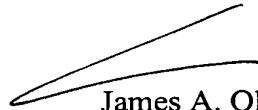
By this Amendment, claims 1-11, 13-16, 20 and 24-27 are amended to obviate informalities, as the Examiner suggested, and to change "containing" and "contains" to "comprising" and "comprises," respectively, for better clarity. Accordingly, claims 1-28 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants note the following. The Office Action asserts that the term "and/or" renders the claims indefinite because it is not clear whether the elements connected by "and/or" are to be considered in combination or in the alternative.

The claims cover both cases--i.e., a case in which both elements connected by "and/or" are present, and a case in which only one is present. This should have already been clear from the "and/or" format, but Applicants have made the Examiner's suggested change because the Examiner expressed confusion. This intended meaning is not changed by the change to the "at least one of A and B" format. If the Examiner disagrees that the amended claims have this meaning, i.e., if the Examiner disagrees that the claims cover both a case in which both elements recited in an "at least one of A and B" format are present, and a case in which only one is present, then the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to discuss this issue.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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